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Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.51/Rev.1, as orally revised

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Patrick A. **Chuasoto** (Philippines)

1. At its 26th and 28th meetings, on 19 and 23 December 2008, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/63/17) on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.51/Rev.1, as orally revised. At the 26th meeting, the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/63/618).

2. The statements and comments made in the course of the Fifth Committee's consideration of this question are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/63/SR.26 and 28).

3. At the 28th meeting, on 23 December, the representative of the United States of America requested a recorded vote on section G of draft decision A/C.5/63/L.27.

4. The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote (see A/C.5/63/SR.28).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted, by a recorded vote of 112 to 8, with 28 abstentions, section G of draft decision A/C.5/63/L.27 (see para. 6). The voting was as follows:

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In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, Israel, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, United States of America

Abstaining:

Albania, Armenia, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Decision of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/63/17) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/63/618), decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.51/Rev.1, as orally revised, preliminary additional requirements of up to $6,794,700 would be required under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management ($4,895,900) and section 23, Human rights ($1,898,800), of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. The Committee recommends that the General Assembly take note of these preliminary estimates. Upon the conclusion of discussions and negotiations and the determination of the structure of the Durban Review Conference, including the regional preparatory meetings, detailed information on financial implications will be submitted.